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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)	
Hiroaki Hara, et al.)	Examiner: Not Assigned
on)	
AEROGEL AND METALLIC)	
COMPOSITES)	Group Art Unit: 1754
Serial No.: 10/695,214)	Confirmation No. 4508
Filed: October 28, 2003)	(Docket No. 6872-0001-1)

Hartford, Connecticut, February 2, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.